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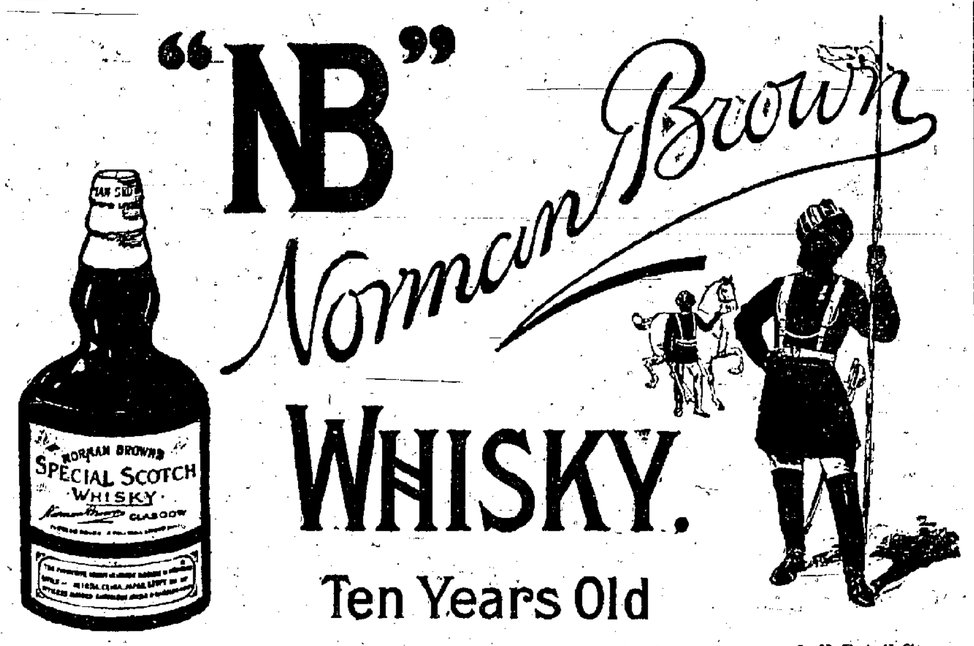

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NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 316.

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By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
Shanghai, 22nd November, 1897. 2320

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, November 1, 1897. 2168

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

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NAO NABEKRA,
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Hongkong, November 16, 1897. 2260

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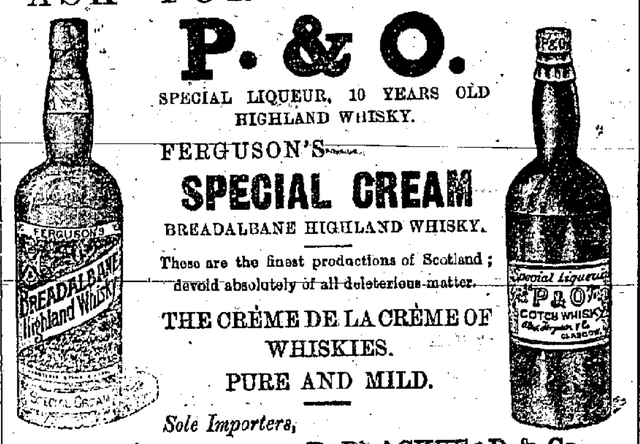

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* See Special Advertisement.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby Notified that the Portion of BONHAM STRAND between the HARBOUR OFFICE and QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, will be CLOSED to WHEEL TRAFFIC from MONDAY, November 29th, until further Notice, while alterations to drains are in progress.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 25th November, 1897. 2317

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be Held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th December, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the period ending the 30th September, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd December to the 8th December, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, November 23, 1897. 2309

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Hongkong, November 27, 1897. 2329

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Hongkong, November 10, 1897. 1949

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP *SALAZIE*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, ex S.S. *Tigre*, and from BORDEAUX, ex S.S. *Verbeckmoes* and *Ville-de-Valenciennes*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 p.m., TO-DAY (TUESDAY), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 7th December, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before TUESDAY, the 7th December, at Noon, or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 30th November, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 23, 1897. 2300

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Lightning* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 30th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
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Hongkong, November 26, 1897. 2313

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE S. S. *Vindobona*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN Co., LIMITED, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 2nd December, OR THEY WILL NOT BE RECOGNISED.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 2nd December will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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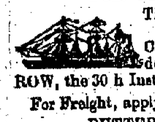
Hongkong, November 26, 1897. 2319

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.



The Co.'s Steamship *Priam*, Captain BAKER, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 30 h Instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to
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Hongkong, November 29, 1897. 2334

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Sagahalien*, Captain SELLIER, will be despatched for the above Ports on or abt SUNDAY, the 5th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 29, 1897. 2333

To-day's Advertisements.

BOXING.

CITY HALL, WEDNESDAY, 1st Dec., at 9 P.M.

LIGHT WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF HONGKONG

PEARSON, 'West Yorks' 9st 6. v. DACEY, 'Navy' 9st 4.
and FOUR (4) OTHER CONTESTS.

Seats can be Booked at Messrs. ROBINSON & Co. Prices as usual.

HARPER,
Stag Hotel.

Hongkong, November 27, 1897. 2335

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT,
IN ST. GEORGE'S HALL.
ON FRIDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1897, at 9.15 P.M.

PROGRAMME,

PART I.

1. Overture...To 'Zampa'.....*Herold.*
2. Song .....'Call me back'....*Donza.*
Mrs. DODWELL.
3. Violin Solo { Andante.....*Grieg.* Mazurka.....*Wieniawski.*
M. GIRAUD.
4. Song .....
Mr. A. FLEET.
5. Allegro... { Moderato from Symphony (No. 8) in B Minor.....*Schubert.*

PART II.

1. Fest March from Tannhäuser...*Wagner.*
2. Song .....'Light in Darkness' *Cowen.*
Mrs. DEAGY.
3. Clarionet Solo, Scotch Fantasia' *Lazarus.*
Mr. W. G. BENTLEY, A.R.C.M.
4. Song...'An Old Love Dream' *St. Quentin,*
Mr. A. C. VAN NEIROP.
Violin Obbligato Mr. L. R. RUCHWALDY.
5. Overture to 'Hansel & Gretel' *Humperdinck.*
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Seats may now be Booked at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.'s.

ALEX. CUMMING,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, November 29, 1897. 2336

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Receiving Orders.

No. 19 or 1897.

Re CHAN YIK, lately carrying on business as a Building Contractor, under the style of BANG YIK, at 2, Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

Receiving Order dated 30th September, 1897.

Petition dated 15th September, 1897.

No. 20 OF 1897.

Re The LEONG KEE Firm, lately carrying on business at 60, Mongkok, Kowloon, as Ship Builders.

Receiving Order dated 4th September, 1897.

Petition dated 23rd October, 1897.

No. 21 OF 1897.

Re LI SUN, lately carrying on business at 99, Hollywood, Road, Victoria, Hongkong, Contractor.

Receiving Order dated 25th November, 1897.

Petition dated 5th November, 1897.

Notice of First General Meeting of Creditors.

No. 19 of 1897.

Re CHAN YIK, lately carrying on business as a Building Contractor as above.

No. 20 OF 1897.

Re The LEONG KEE Firm, lately carrying on business as Ship Builders as above.

No. 21 OF 1897.

Re LI SUN, lately carrying on business as a Contractor as above.

FRIDAY, the 3rd day of December, 1897, at 12 o'clock at Noon, precisely, has been fixed for the First General Meeting of Creditors in the above Matters, to be held at the Official Receiver's Office, Land Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid.

No Creditor can vote unless he previously proves his debt.

Forms of Proof and Proxy can be obtained at the Official Receiver's Office during Office hours.

At the First General Meeting the Creditors will be asked to consider whether the Debtor shall be adjudged Bankrupt or whether they, the Creditors, will entertain a proposal for a Composition or Scheme of Arrangement.

Adjudications and Appointments of Trustee.

No. 17 OF 1897.

Re WONG KAN, lately Master of the Fishing Junk No. 1,399M.

THE above named WONG KAN was adjudicated Bankrupt on the 25th Nov., 1897, and Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD, the Official Receiver, was appointed Trustee of the Debtor's Estate.

No. 18 OF 1897.

Re TSANG KAU LAN, lately carrying on business at 116, Praya West, Victoria, Hongkong, as a Rice Dealer.

THE above Named TSANG KAU LAN was adjudicated Bankrupt on the 25th Nov., 1897, and Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD, the Official Receiver, was appointed Trustee of the Debtor's Estate.

Notice of Intended Dividends.

No. 17 OF 1897.

Re WONG KAN, lately Master of Fishing Junk No. 1,399M.

No. 18 OF 1897.

Re TSANG KAU LAN, lately carrying on Businessas a Rice Dealer as above.

A Dividend is intended to be declared in each of the two last mentioned Matters.

Debts not already proved must be proved by the 30th December Next, or will be excluded from such Dividend.

Dated this 27th November, 1897.

BRUCE SHEPHERD,
Official Receiver and Trustee,
Land Office,
Hongkong.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Airlie (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Dec. 2, at 4 p.m.
Australian Ports	Tokio Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Baltimore	St. Katherine	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Bayern (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Dec. 7, at 9 a.m.
Calcutta	Moravia (s)	Sander & Co.	Dec. 1, daylight.
Kobé and Yokohama	Yamaguchi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.
London	Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 1, at noon.
London & Ports of Call	Gauges (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 2, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Antenor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 1.
Manila	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Nov. 30, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Melbourne (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 3, at noon.
M'seilles, London, &c.	Sanuki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec 24, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobé & Y'ma	Rosetta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 3, at noon.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Yamashiro Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Cromarty (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	About Nov. 30.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Fernfield (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Dec 5.
New York	Abner Coburn	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
Portland, Oregon, &c.	Braemar (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Dec. 14, at noon.
San Francisco	New York	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Peru (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	Dec. 16, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Belgic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	December 7, noon.
Seattle, Washington	Kinshiu Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 2, at noon.
Shanghai	Priam (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Nov. 30, at noon.
S'hai, Chemulpo, &c.	Hiogo Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
S'hai, Kobé & Y'hama	Saghalien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	About Dec. 5.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Hiroshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Nov. 30, at noon.
S'pore, P'nang & B'bay	Bormida (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	Dec. 1, at noon.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Lightning (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Dec. 2, at 3 p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haitan (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Nov. 30, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Victoria (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Nov 30, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'c'c. Co.	Dec. 22, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *MIRZAPORE*.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings in Cargo:—

From LONDON, &c., ex s. s. *Arcadia*. From AUSTRALIA, ex s. s. *Oceana*. From CALCUTTA, ex s. s. *Palawan*. From PERSIAN GULF ex s. *Henry Balkow*, *Khandalla* and *Assyria*.

Goods not cleared by the 5th Proximo, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 28, 1897. 2332

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

DRUMELTAN, British 4-masted barque, Captain Wm. Smith.—Carlowitz & Co.

NEW YORK, American ship, Captain Thomas Peabody.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

PETER RICKMERS, German 4-masted barque, Captain T. H. Westermeyer.—Standard Oil Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 27.

Chusan, German str., 624, W. Wendt, Moji Nov. 22, Coal.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

November 28.

Toonan, Chinese str., from Canton.

Sabine Rickmers, German str., from Canton.

Hiroshima Maru, Japanese str., 2,031, N. Ohno, Yokohama via Kobe, and Moji Nov. 23, at 10 a.m., General 45 tons—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Priam, British str., 1,803, A. D. Baker, Liverpool Oct. 13, and Singapore Nov. 20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Chow Fa, British steamer, 1,055, J. Williamson, Bankok via Ang-hin Nov. 19, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Haitan, French str., 377, J. C. Gerard, Hoihow Nov. 26, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Kalgan, British str., 1,158, R. Phillips, Newchwang and Chefoo Nov. 25, Peas, Pea Oil, &c.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Krim, Norwegian str., 1,117, J. Irgens, Hongay Nov. 26, Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Belgic, American streamer, 2,052, J. H. Rinder, San Francisco Oct. 30, Honolulu Nov. 6, Yokohama 19, Kobe 22, Nagasaki 24, and Shanghai 26, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co

Mirzapore, British steamer, 2,168, T. Wickenden, Bombay and Singapore Nov. 21, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

November 29.

Sungkiang, British steamer, 994, C. B. N. Dodd, Manila Nov. 25, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Rosetta, British steamer, 3,039, F. N. Tillard, Yokohama Nov. 21, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Astrid, Norwegian str., 976, Ford. Eliggers, Haiphong Nov. 26, General.—LAUTZ, WEGENER & Co.

Hongkong, French str., 734, Bastian, Haiphong Nov. 27, Rice.—A. R. MARTY.

Kniveberg, German str., 624, A. Hansen, Haiphong Nov. 26, Rice.—JEBSEN & Co.

Devaconsse, British steamer, 1,057, R. Curtis, Bangkok Nov. 18, and Swatow 26, General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Fred. P. Litchfield, American barque, 990, W. W. Hardy, Callao September 19, Ballast.—ORDER.

Malacca, British steamer, 2,615, N. P. Pollock, London Oct. 16, and Singapore Nov. 21, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

November 28.

Wingsang, for Canton.
Irene, German cruiser, for Amoy.
Sarpedon, for Singapore and London.
Singan, for Kobe.
Kiangnan, for Swatow.
Fatlodon Hall, for New York.
Formosa, for Swatow.
Mongkut, for Bangkok.

November 29.

Mirzapore, for Shanghai.
Haiman, for Swatow.
Hanoi, for Haiphong.
Taiwan, for Nagasaki.
Canton, for Shanghai.
Kalgan, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Haitan, for Coast Ports.
Hiroshima Maru, for Singapore and Bombay.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Priam*, from Singapore, 28 Chinese.
Per *Haitan*, from Hoihow, 16 Chinese.
Per *Kalgan*, from Newchwang, 11 Chinese.

Per *Belgic*, from San Francisco, &c., Professor Chas. Burckhalter, Mr and Mrs Henry Payot, Messrs E. Robton, Hong Sling, Len Lan, Chas. Finck, A. Prismeyer, O. F. Overbeck, Dr G. N. Robinson, Mr E. S. Kellogg, Miss C. Bowditch, Miss S. F. Baylor, Mr C. W. Talntor, Miss F. Linwood, and Mrs E. Johnson.

Per *Mirzapore*, for Hongkong; from London, Mr Bradley, Dr Gibson, Misses Falconer, Barnett, Renfrew, and Ross, Rev. Studdart, Drs Sampson and Pakenham, Misses Voltemuis and Leckie, Rev. W. Walsh, Dr Mackenzie, Messrs Lloyd Jones, R. Lloyd Jones, and J. Heenan, Mr Playfair's nurse, and Miss Jackson; from Brindisi, Rev. and Mrs Howe, Mr and Mrs Playfair and 2 children, Dr Nahm, Mr and Mrs Kelly; from Bombay, Messrs H. Blumjee, Aboobuker, O. Meyer and native servant, Mr and Mrs Ayab, Messrs Allaraken, E. Omar, and A. Eduljee. For For Shanghai: from Brindisi, Mr and Mrs Smith, Miss Allen, Mr Yulaka Kano, Capt. S. Lowe, Messrs Ah Lin, Toolinoff, Bazersky, C. Rousse, Zavadonsky, D. Pegorini, and Schmith, Capt. and Mrs Whittle and daughter, Mrs Little, Messrs E. Baines, Kitley, E. Moale, C. Parsons, and J. Elder, Dr Yamaguchi, Mr and Mrs Hong Hack, 2 children and 2 servants. For Nagasaki: from London, Rev. F. Rowlands. For Yokohama: for Bombay, Mr Mahdmed.

Per *Sungkiang*, from Manila, Messrs R. Perez and Jose Casuso.

Per *Rosetta*, from Yokohama, Messrs Smith, Goldstein, Grant, Anderson, Preston, Boyle, Howard, and 15 Chinese.

Per *Hongkong*, from Haiphong, 9 Chinese.

Fred. P. Litchfield, from Callao, 90 Chinese.

Per *Malacca*, for Hongkong: from London, Mr and Mrs Grist, Miss Pevison, Miss Caldwell, and Mr J. Y. Mayston; from Penang, 64 Chinese; from Singapore, 339 Chinese. From London: for Shanghai, Mr S. F. Saunders, and Mrs Ware; for Kobe, Mrs Blackmore; for Yokohama, Mr and Mrs Watson, Mrs Bent, 2 children and 1 native servant.

DEPARTED.

Per *Mirzapore*, for Shanghai: from London, Capt. and Mrs Whittle and daughter, Mrs Little, Messrs. E. D. Baines, Kitley, E. C. H. Moale, C. Parsons and J. Elder; from Brindisi, Messrs Christian Rousse, D. Pegorini, and Schmit.

Per *Hanoi*, for Hoihow, 87 Chinese; for Haiphong, Messrs Schiras, Li Wing-Shü, and 16 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Chusan* reports: Heavy gale from N.W. Goto Island to Tung Ying; from there, moderate N.N.E. wind.

The British steamer *Priam* reports: Strong N.E. monsoon, with very heavy sea.

The British steamer *Chow Fa* reports: Strong monsoon and considerable sea, fine clear weather.

The British steamer *Kalgan* reports: From N.E. Promontory to the Barren Islands, very strong N.W. gale, with high sea. For remainder of passage moderate N.E. monsoon and fine.

The British steamer *Sungkiang* reports: Strong N'ly winds and high sea, with clear weather.

The British steamer *Malacca* reports: Very strong monsoon, with much rain.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per *Dante*, at 9.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.

For SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY.—
Per *Hiroshima Maru*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.

For FOOCHOW, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.—
Per *Victoria*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Priam*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.
Per *Toonan*, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.

For SWATOW & AMOY.—
Per *Sabine Rickmers*, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.

For MANILA.—
Per *Sungkiang*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Kniveberg*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.—
Per *Bormida*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 1st December.

For KOBE, YOKOHAMA & SEATTLE.
Per *Kinshiu Maru*, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, the 2nd December.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
Per *Lightning*, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 2nd December.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Rosetta*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd December.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Haitan* leaves for Swatow.

Noon.—*Priam* leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—*Hiroshima Maru* leaves for Bombay, &c.

Noon.—*Victoria* leaves for Tacoma, via Japan, &c.

4 p.m.—*Sungkiang* leaves for Manila.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Lightning* undelivered after 4 p.m. this date landed.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 1:—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.
9 p.m.—Boxing Contest in the City Hall.

THURSDAY, December 2:—
Goods per *Vindobona* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, December 3:—
9.15 p.m.—Orchestral Concert in St. George's Hall.

THURSDAY, December 2:—
Transfer Books of The New Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited, closed from this date to 8th December, both days inclusive.

SUNDAY, December 5:—
Goods per *Mirzapore* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

TUESDAY, December 7:—
Goods per *Salazie* unclaimed after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, December 8:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Nov. 29, 1897.

OPIUM—New Patna, cash,	680
" Old " cash,	—
" New Benares, cash,	710
" Old " cash,	—
" New Malwa, credit,	760/780
" Allowance Taels,	24/48
" Last Year New,	820
" Allowance, Taels,	16/24
" Old Malwa credit,	820
" Allowance, Taels,	16/24
" Persian, Paper tied	680/700
" Allowance, Taels,	16/32

Exchange.

HONGKONG, November 29, 1897.

On London—	
Bank, Wire,	1/11⅜
" On demand,	1/11 7/16
" 30 days' sight,	1/11½
" 4 months' sight,	1/11 9/16
Credits, 4 " "	1/11⅝
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	1/11½
On Paris—	
On demand,	2.45
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2.49½
On Berlin—Demand,	1.93½
On New York—	
On demand,	47⅞
Credits, 60 days' sight,	48⅝
On Bombay—	
Wire,	152½
On demand,	153
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	152½
On demand,	153
On Singapore—	
On demand,	½%
On Manila—	
On demand,	5%
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	72⅞
30 days' sight, (private paper)	74
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	3½%
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$53.50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.09
Silver (per oz.)	27⅛d.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, October 29, 1897. 1617

MARRIAGES.

On the 23rd November, at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, by Sir Nicholas J. Hannen, and afterwards at the Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., HARRY CLAPP, of Shanghai, to AGNES BESSIE, second daughter of John Youngs Gould, of Shanghai.

On the 24th November, at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, Shanghai, by Sir Nicholas J. Hannen, and afterwards at the Cathedral, by the Rev. C. J. Symons, FREDERICK ALBERT, youngest son of the late Antony Field Sampson, of Hongkong, to MARGARET LUCAS, second daughter of James Phillips, F.C.S., of Clifton, Bristol.

On the 23rd Oct., at the parish church, Shepperton, by the Rev.—Littledale, WILLIAM JOHN, second son of Alfred Aubert, of Shepperton, to LILIAN ISABEL, fourth daughter of the late Captain W. F. Lewes, of Shanghai, and Mrs Lewes, of Kensington and Oak Hall, Wanstead.

On the 20th Oct., at St. Andrew's Church, Steyning, ELIZABETH DENT, second daughter of the late William Blackett Bewsher, of Kingston-on-Thames, to JOHN HUNT, of Shanghai.

☞ *The publication of this issue commence at 5.50 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1897.

BIMETALLISM.

BY F. W. H. MIGEOD, R.N.

III.

Every country measures the price of its labour by the monetary standard it has fixed for itself, and as the monetary standards of gold and silver countries have diverged, the cost of labour has diverged too. A dollar employs as much labour in the East as it did a quarter century ago, but the equivalent in sterling 2/- only employs half as much labour in England as formerly when the dollar was 4/-. Labour in the East has thus been reduced by 50 per cent. compared with labour in England, and the handicap is at once apparent in all manufactures, and production generally.

This is what the English manufacturer has to compete against. He finds that his Oriental customer, although for a time he may buy of him in spite of the price of his goods being raised in silver, is at last obliged to abandon him through sheer inability to pay the rising prices asked and is driven to buy goods of equal or it may be slightly inferior quality produced under a silver monetary system at much lower price.

To the English manufacturer, therefore, there only remains to cut down his expenses, his profits, and the wages of his employees, the last item the most difficult and a veritable impossibility. The effect of the appreciation of gold in England has been lower prices for everything, and it follows that when everything has cheapened those wage-earners who still have the same money wages as formerly, have actually had their wages increased say forty per cent. It is only natural that such persons should resent any reduction in their wages, but should such be an absolute necessity there is no real loss to them. It is, however, anyhow a very unsatisfactory position, and rather than wages should be cut down in relation with cheapening prices, it would be infinitely better for the community at large that prices should rise. Low prices are very pleasant for those who have fixed money wages, and there are people who enlarge upon the great blessing low prices are, especially to the poorer section of the community. To a certain extent they may be; but on the other hand rising prices are universally held by economists to be a sign of prosperity, and if the whole community be prosperous, it must follow that the poorer section shares also in the general prosperity.

In spite of this, however, there is undoubtedly a fascination about low prices, but when the facts are examined it is seen that the 'low prices' cry is more or less a fraud so far as any benefit is really derived therefrom. An exception of course is when such a thing occurs as a heavy duty being removed from some article of import. When the corn laws in England were repealed, for instance, the fall in the price of bread that ensued was undoubtedly such a benefit, as there was no counteracting force at work. When, however, the reduction of price results from an appreciating currency the matter is far different. England is in such a position, though by her extensive wealth and energy the effects of the appreciating currency are staved off for a time, but when from some cause a re-action sets in, due to some commercial panic, none can say how disastrous the effects will be.

At the first set off low prices for their goods of course affect the manufacturers very adversely. A mill-owner, ironmaster or whatever he may be, may have been able to sell a ton of his goods for say £10 sterling, which probably gives him a satisfactory profit in spite of competition from other firms. A fall in prices then comes. Customers cannot and will not give so much as formerly. If he wants to sell at all, the manufacturer must cut down his profit, and the first result of this is that all prospect of extending the business and giving employment to more labour is cut off. Prices still fall, customers get their goods a little cheaper, till the point is reached at which the manufacturer can no longer keep his business going save at a loss. The mills are closed, employees are dismissed, the poor rate goes up, and then the question may be asked, where is the gain to those persons who were enabled to buy their cloth a few pence a yard cheaper. As a result of paying less for certain commodities they pay more in taxes, not at their own choice, however, but simply because the general financial condition of the country allowed of no other course.

There is a passage in a pamphlet by Mr R. S. Grundy on 'English Industries and Eastern competition' that is very apt. Speaking of how Straits' tin is ruining tin mining in Cornwall he says: 'It is poor compensation to the losers to be told that their neighbours are being enabled to buy tin kettles at half price, or to the extruded miners to be told that their fate is incidental to a scheme of legislation under which they would be able to buy a quartern loaf for 2d. if that same legislation had not cut their work and wages from under their feet.'

Again further, speaking of land going out of cultivation owing to the produce being reduced by foreign competition to a point at which it did not pay to work it—'All that means loss of work; and it is small satisfaction to the man whose wages have been reduced, or to one who has been driven from his cottage to seek casual work at the docks, to be told that he can get his commodities at less price. He would have preferred, probably, to retain his home and his steady wage, and paid a little more for his commodities.

Put concisely, it may be said that low prices resulting from improved methods of production or similar causes, are undoubtedly good; but that low prices produced by an appreciating currency is one of the worst things that can happen.

The results, however, are not confined to the country itself. They are much farther reaching. Much of the material put out from a factory that falling prices at home has closed, would be exported for foreign consumption in British ships. Its close therefore deprives some British shipowner of so many thousands or hundreds of freight a year. This must affect him adversely more or less, and in view of the keen competition for freights it might be the cause of landing the shipping firm that usually obtained the freight into difficulties. Pursuing the case further there is one more result, and it is one that may be said to cohere the colony of Hongkong, as much or more than any other colony. When products of British mills and factories cease to be dispatched to the Far East, for the reason that there are none to dispatch, the vast trade of Hongkong will collapse like a house of cards. The majority of ships in port are British, the goods they carry are British, and foreign ships are chiefly there to collect British goods. Intimately bound up as Hongkong is with Great Britain, and being as it were the pulse of the Far Eastern lines of trade, Hongkong cannot but be concerned in all that affects the rise or fall of prices in Great Britain.

As has been said before, an increase in the stock of money will raise prices. The means of so doing is at hand. Remonetize silver and there will be more money in the market. Credit will have something more to expand on: prices will rise; manufacturers will have greater profits, and will be able to employ more labour; there will be more enterprize; more British ships will be despatched abroad with merchandise; and every offshoot of the Empire will be vitalised.

British trade has been prosperous during the last twelve months in spite of prices. There is often a grand flare up before the final extinction of a great conflagration.

THE delivery of the English Mail was begun at 2.42 p.m. yesterday.

A STRONG effort is being made to suppress native gambling dens in Shanghai.

*** ON the fifth page will be found a report of Miss Belinfante's attempt to commit suicide in New York. Miss Belinfanto, it will be remembered, visited Hongkong last year.

A PROCLAMATION by H. E. the Governor is published in Saturday's *Gazette* extending for a further period of six months the prohibition of the export of arms.

DR R. M. Gibson has arrived by the English Mail to assume the office of Superintendent and Secretary of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals.

THE Hongkong and China Gas Company has declared an interim dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum (8s. per share) for the half-year ended June 30 last. The Company is doing very well at present, the increase of European dwellings in the Colony favouring extension in the gas works, both in Hongkong and Kowloon.

A SHANGHAI contemporary speaks of suspicious naval movements and gives currency to a rumour that sudden orders have been given for all available British warships to assemble at Hongkong. We have made enquiries, and fail to discover any suspicious or sudden movements in the British fleet. The *Pique* has left Shanghai for Hongkong, but no sudden order has been given for this movement, as it is well known the *Pique* and *Rainbow* are both going to England to pay off, their places on the China Station being taken by second-class cruisers of a faster and even more modern type. The *Alacrity* has been visiting Formosa, and is expected here shortly, and other ships will return to Hongkong in ordinary course, after paying the customary visits to northern ports. There is, therefore, no undue movement amongst the British ships to justify the use of the adjective 'suspicious.'

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Kara*, Oct. 19; *Deuteros*, *Taichu*, 22; *Poseidon*, 29; *H. Siping (?)*, *Kirkfield*, Nov. 2; *Mount Tabor*, 5; *Kriemhild*, *Tainan (?)*, *Puritan*, 9; *Glengyle*, *Java*, *Radnorshire*, *Hector*, *Lyderhorn*, 11; *Niobe*, *Longships*, *Marven*, *Glengyle (?)*, *Ixion*, 15; *Chingwo*, *Oopack*, *Sydney*, *Ohristina*, *Medusa*, *Norman*, 18; *Prinz Heinrich*, 22; *Ceylon*, *Polyphemus*, *Glaucus*, *Laos*, *Titania*, 25.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Erato*, *Japan*, *Marie*, *Valerie*, Nov. 2; *Preussen*, 5; *Benlomond*, *Yarra* 9; *Hertha*, 11; *Energia*, *Patroclus*, 15; *Sumatra*, *Liv*, 18; *Dardanus*, 22; *Socotra*, 25.

Mails.

The O. & O. s. s. *Coptic*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 18th Nov.

The P. M. s. s. *Peru*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, left Yokohama on Sunday, the 28th Nov., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 5th Dec.

The M. M. s. s. *Saghalien*, with the next FRENCH MAIL, left Singapore on Sunday, the 28th Nov., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 5th Dec. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on September 29th.

Steamers Expected.

The s. s. *Port Adelaide* left Singapore on the 19th Nov., and is now due.

The s. s. *Kutsang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, the 23rd Nov., at 6 p.m.

The D. D. R. steamer *Della* from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 23rd Nov., and may be expected here on or about the 30th Nov.

The O. S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Orestes* from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the afternoon of 25th Nov., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, 1st December.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Kaisow*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 26th Nov., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Dec.

The B. L. str. *Benvenue*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 26th Nov., for this port.

The s. s. *Hansa*, from New York, left Singapore on the 26th Nov., and is due here on or about the 3rd December.

The P. & O. str. *Peshawur* left Bombay for this port on the 19th Nov.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Olympia* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 8th Nov.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Braemar* sailed from Portland on the 12th Nov. for Japan and Hongkong.

The C. M. Co.'s steamer *Chingwo*, from Glasgow and Liverpool passed the Canal about 19th Nov., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 7th Dec.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s str. *Menmuir*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 25th Nov. for this port.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Mogul* sailed from Portland for Japan and Hongkong, on the 24th Nov.

Latest Advices.

The O. & O. s. s. *Gaelic*, with mails &c., which left hence Oct. 28th, for San Francisco, via Amoy, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 26th Nov.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 27th Nov.

The C. P. R. s. s. *Empress of India*, from Shanghai, arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m., on the 29th Nov., and will leave at 8 p.m. this evening, for Kobe, where she is expected to arrive on Tuesday, the 30th Nov., at 11 p.m.

The C. P. R. s. s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 2.30 a.m., on Sunday, the 28th Nov., and left again at 12.30 p.m. of same day for Hongkong, where she is expected to arrive at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 30th Nov.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Olympia* arrived at Yokohama from Tacoma, on the 29th Nov.

SHORTLY after seven o'clock on Sunday morning, the services of the Fire Brigade were requisitioned for an outbreak of fire in a tea merchant's shop at 122 Second Street, West Point. The fire occurred on the first floor, and was caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp. Several packages of tea were destroyed by water, but very little damage was done by the fire. The premises were insured for $4000 with the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co. (Messrs Butterfield and Swire, local agents.)

THE final in the Autumn polo tournament was played on Friday last, between the Regiment and the Gunners. The game was very one-sided, resulting in a victory for the Regiment by 7 goals to 1. A large number of spectators witnessed the contest, and accorded the players hearty applause. During the afternoon the Band of the Regiment played pleasing selections of music. Mrs May presented the cup to the Regimental team, who have carried it off three times in succession. On Wednesday next the Club will try conclusions with the Regiment, the former team to consist of Mr Creagh, Mr Landale, Capt. Burney, and Mr Platt.

A DOUBLE change of admirals takes place in the British squadron next month. Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Buller has been promoted to full rank, and leaves for England in a few weeks, his place being taken by Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hobart Seymour, K.C.B. Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald is now *en route*, on board H.M.S. *Edgar*, to hoist his flag on the *Grafton*, in place of Rear-Admiral Oxley, who returned to England about two months ago in consequence of the serious illness of Mrs Oxley. Sir Edward Seymour, K.C.B., was promoted to the rank of Vice-Admiral in November, 1895. He was formerly Admiral Superintendent of Naval Reserves. Admiral Buller succeeded Admiral Sir E. Freemantle shortly after the conclusion of hostilities between China and Japan in 1895.

NEW *Music* Catalogue now ready, gratis. Please send in for it. W. Robinson & Co.

THE P. and O. steamer *Malacca* leaves for Shanghai and Japan on the 1st December, at 10 a.m.

ASSISTANT-Paymaster Reginald C. Blake has been appointed Secretary to Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald.

WE would call the attention of our readers to the programme of the Orchestral Concert in our advertising columns.

THE Hongkong Rifle Association has entered upon a new lease of life. On Saturday afternoon, a spoon competition was held on the range at Kowloon, at 200 and 300 yards, and the winners were Sergt. Bowery, 63, and Mr Marshall, 62.

WE are requested to state that special trams for the Peak will leave, in connection with St. Andrew's Ball, at 12.30, 1.30, and 2 a.m. Launches have been arranged for Kowloon, leaving this side at midnight, 1 a.m., 1.30 a.m., and 2 a.m.

THE following is the record in the six-aside Competition record to Nov. 27, 1897.

TEAMS.	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Against	Points
Moberley... ...	3	2	0	1	3	0	5
Looker	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Davies	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Mackay	3	0	2	1	0	2	1
Wood	2	0	2	0	0	3	0

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—H.I.G.M.S. Moeve, Victoria, Kwonghoi.

Aberdeen.—(None).

Cosmopolitan.—West York,

THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY AT FOOCHOW AND CONSUL FRANDON.

The following address has been presented to M. Frandon by the Portuguese community at Foochow:—

Foochow, 13th November, 1897.

To Ernest Frandon, Esquire, Consul for France, Consul for Portugal, Foochow.

Sir,—Having come to our knowledge that a malevolent individual under the pseudonyme W.H.K. has circulated a pamphlet 'Right versus Might' containing entirely false and malicious accusations against you regarding your conduct as consul for Portugal,

We, the undersigned, members of the Portuguese community at this port, address you this to express to you our sincere regret. Availing ourselves of the opportunity, we beg to testify our high appreciation and esteem towards you, and to convey to you, Sir, our most hearty thanks for the many invaluable services which you have gratuitously rendered to us while protecting our interests with utmost zeal.

For the courteous manner you have accorded to each and every one of us, for the many kindnesses and friendly considerations that several of our nationals have received at your hands, you have earned our best respect and gratitude.

We shall always watch with pleasure your well-merited promotion to a higher rank in the administration of your Government and sincerely trust that for the many services you have rendered to us and our compatriots, you will also receive due recognition and acknowledgement from the Government of His Most Faithful Majesty.

Wishing you all prosperity and long life we remain, sir, your most obedient servants,

(Signed) CLODOALDO MARIA D'ALMEIDA,
EPIGMENIO FRANCISCO D'ALMEIDA,
ANTONIO NOGUIRA MENDES,
MODESTO MARIA OZORIO,
IGNACIO PIRES PEREIRA,
ABILIO ALBERTO DO ROZARIO.

THE following was the finding of the Marine Court held at Singapore on the 28th Oct.:—'We find that the steamship *Mogune* grounded on an uncharted shoal in the Sulu Sea on October 2nd, 1897, in about lat. 8° 6 N. and long. 118° 6' 30" E. The ship was navigated with proper care. The Captain and second and third officers took part in the navigation. They kept a proper record of all their observations, which agreed with one another. We hold the Captain and officers entirely free from blame, and consider that everything was done for the safety and benefit of all concerned after the stranding of the ship.'

ILL-luck seems to be pursuing the American ship *St. Catherine* most relentlessly since her arrival in Shanghai. First her captain died, and then the chief officer became invalided with some members of the crew, and Monday afternoon (says the *Shanghai Daily Press* of the 24th Nov.) one of the men fell into the Whangpoo and was drowned. A sitting took place in the U.S. Consulate General, before John Goodnow, Esq., and a Jury of three, to receive evidence into the causes attending the death of William Moore *alias* Marriott, alleged to be a deserter from a British war-vessel. It came out in the course of the examination that Moore in company with two others were painting the side of the vessel at 4 p.m. on Monday, when he fell from the staging and was never seen to rise. Upon recovery of the body the case will be gone into in its entirety.

IN response to the requests of the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung and Sheng Taotai the authorities of the Foochow Naval school have sent ten students up to Hankow to assist in the construction of the Lu-Han Railway. In this connection, we may mention, as bearing on the alleged progress of the Woosung Railway with glowing accounts of which the public have been regaled elsewhere from time to time, that a careful inspection of the works by an independent outsider has convinced us that the line is as far off from completion as it was six months ago. About 50 coolies in all are employed upon it! For some months past a considerable quantity of wood for sleepers has been lying on the shore, on this side of the Telegraph Company's premises at Woosung, but on Friday and Saturday last it was suddenly all put on board a China Merchants steamer to be carried up to Hankow, where we suppose it will be pointed out with pride as a proof of the *bona fides* of the Hankow-Peking railway scheme, and after a while it will be carted off somewhere else. People who were disposed to believe in the practical ability of Sheng Taotai are growing somewhat disgusted over the wretched showing which he is making on the trumpery Woosung line, and judging therefrom, ask how long it will be before he makes any real progress with the great trunk line.—*China Gazette.*

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, November 26, 1897.

UGANDA.

Further news received from Uganda is re-assuring.

PARLIAMENT.

Parliament will meet on Feb. 8th.

THE SCENE IN THE AUSTRIAN REICHRATH.

Thirteen deputies of the Reichrath have been suspended. They were removed by the police, after storming the platform of the President, who fled.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN AFRICA.

A rumour has reached the Colonial Office of a conflict between 400 British and a French force at Nikki, but it is officially discredited.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notices are issued from the Observatory:—

On the 29th 11.15 a. The barometer has risen slightly on the China coast, fallen a little in Luzon. Anticyclonic conditions prevail over China, and pressure is low in an area now probably covering E. Japan, and in a slight depression lying over S. Luzon and the SE part of the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh N. and NE winds; fine. N and NE gales in the N. part of the China Sea.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Monday, November 29.

THE EMPEROR OF CHINA *v.* BENNERTZ AND COMPANY.

The plaintiff having withdrawn this suit in regard to the whole of his claim, a motion was filed asking judgment to be entered for the defendants' costs of, and incidental to, the plaintiff's claim to be taxed, and for judgment that the wages of the crew retained on board the s.s. *Ningchow* by the defendants in pursuance of the order of Court dated 9th December, 1896, and the expenses of said ship to date of judgment to be paid by the plaintiff to the defendants when ascertained, and that the matter be referred to the Registrar of the Court to ascertain the amount of said wages and expenses. Judgment was also asked for a sum of $1800 to be paid by plaintiff to defendants for compensation for the expense and injury occasioned by the issue of the warrants of arrest in the suit.

Mr. E. Robinson (instructed by Mr H. W. Looker, of Messrs Deacon and Hastings) appeared for the defendants in the suit; Mr J. J. Francis (instructed by Mr H. L. Dennys) appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr Francis made a preliminary objection in regard to the form of the notice of motion. He submitted that the motion, in so far as it asked that judgment should be entered for defendants' costs was irregular and not justified by any provision in the Code or anything in the practice of the Common Law Procedure Act. He submitted there were only two methods in which any decision in the suit could be obtained by defendants in consequence of plaintiff having withdrawn the suit—one by a motion to dismiss the suit under Section 49 of the Code, under which an application could be made for dismissal for want of prosecution. The only other method of which he was acquainted whereby judgment could be obtained was by setting down a case for trial, and on the non-appearance of the plaintiff there would be judgment under Section 61. If the latter of these courses was adopted, the judgment would be a judgment striking out the cause and awarding such costs as the Court thought fit. With regard to the remaining part of the motion, he did not take any preliminary objection, and he submitted the course adopted by his friend was not in accordance with the Code.

Mr Robinson said Mr Francis had entirely overlooked the difference between the rules of the Court and the rules under the Judicature Act or Common Law Procedure Act. Under the Common Law Procedure Act, there was no case before the Court. The plaintiff had a right to withdraw his case under Section 6 of the Code, and he declined to treat the case under the Sections 49 or 61 for several reasons, but primarily because in so doing he should be treating the case as a case before the Court, which it was not. Section 6 of the Code provides that the plaintiff might withdraw his suit without limitation, upon a penalty only if he withdrew without leave that he should be precluded from bringing a fresh suit in the matter. Under the Common Law Procedure Act, he was bound to apply for leave, and this was also the case under the Judicature Act. They had, therefore, to look for some other form of judgment than either of these his friend had referred to, and he had modelled the motion upon the judgment for costs upon discontinuance of action set out in the appendix of the Judicature Act.

Mr Francis submitted if the suit was no longer before the Court, then the Court had no jurisdiction to make any order in relation to that suit. His friend's references to both Acts had been extremely slapdash, and they could have no relation to the present case. The reference to the Judicature Act was quite out of place as the Court was guided in these proceedings by the Code. The practice of the Common Law Procedure Act was in force, except in so far as the Code had made provision. The Code provided two definite and distinct methods by which judgment could be obtained, and he submitted the proceeding under Section 49 was perfectly applicable.

His Lordship said he did not feel quite clear about the point at present, and said he would give his ruling on Wednesday morning.

THE second ordinary meeting of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd. was held at Shanghai on the 24th Nov., Mr E. F. Alford presiding, when the usual formal resolutions were proposed, including one authorising the payment of a dividend of Tls. 3½ per share, or 7 per cent annum, and passed. At the extraordinary meeting held immediately afterwards the four resolutions, providing for the increase of the capital of the Company, passed at the meeting of 28th Oct., were carried *nem con.*

WE learn from the north (says the *Shanghai Daily Press*) that before the Germans landed at Kiauchow, Li Ping-Heng the Governor of Shantung, received already an Imperial message severely reprimanding him for the unfortunate outrage, and demanding a speedy arrest of the murderers and a prompt settlement of the affair. Li is not allowed to leave for Szechuen (where he has been promoted Viceroy) until that has been done to the satisfaction of the Germans.

DEATH OF MR W. K. WYLIE.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr W. K. Wylie, superintendent of the Peak Tramway, under the most distressing circumstances. The details of the sad affair are given in the report of the inquest held this afternoon, so that it is unnecessary to recapitulate them here. Mr Wylie's death came as a shock to all who knew him, and there were few better known men in the Colony, for the daily discharge of his duties on the Tramway brought him into touch with the greater portion of the European residents. Of a genial, generous, obliging disposition, doing all he could to facilitate the working of the Tramway in the public interests, he earned for himself the goodwill of all travellers, and his bright, effervescing nature, and ready wit, made him a favourite with all.

Mr Wylie was the son of a consulting engineer, a Scotsman by birth, educated in London and France. He served his apprenticeship to the engineering profession, and some ten years ago he joined the Taku Lighter Company at Tientsin. In 1888, he came to Hongkong to assume the superintendence of the Peak Tramway. Of a virile nature, he took a lively interest in public affairs. For some time he was Hon. Secretary of the Engineers' Institute in Hongkong; he has long been an ardent volunteer both in England and in Hongkong, and in January last was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Field Battery. At the recent camp on Stonecutter's Island, he was one of the most active officers, and his wit found free scope in the pages of the *Camp Gazette*, of which he was the chief promoter. For his widow and three children much public sympathy will be felt. He was a loving husband and extremely fond of his children.

FUNERAL AT THE HAPPY VALLEY.

This afternoon, the remains of the deceased were interred at the Happy Valley with full military honours. The firing party was provided by the Field Battery, commanded by Lieut. Macbell. Representatives, both officers and men, were present from the Machine Gun Co. and the Field Battery, including the Commandant, Major Sir John Carrington, and there was also a large attendance of civilian mourners.

THE INQUEST.

This afternoon, Mr H. E. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate, held an inquest at the Magistracy into the death of Mr W. K. Wylie.

Fung Yuk said on 28th inst., about 7 a.m., he saw the body of deceased at the revolver range. The body was lying on its back. Witness went back and reported the matter to the racquet keeper's wife. A revolver pouch was lying on the ground. He did not notice whether deceased was alive or dead. Witness was employed as cook by the racquet keeper. About two o'clock on Saturday afternoon he heard a shot fired at the revolver range. He did not hear another shot that afternoon.

Cho-Chi, marker at the racquet court, said he returned home at 8 a.m., on 28th, and in consequence of what his wife told him he went with last witness to the revolver range. Before he got to the body he saw a soldier near by repairing a water pipe, and told him what had happened. He went with the soldier to the range. When he got some distance from the body, the soldier told him not to proceed any further, and he returned.

John Sutton, private, W.Y.R., said at 8.30 a.m. he was proceeding up the water ravine past the racquet court, when his attention was drawn by the last witness to a man sleeping. He went to the 20 yards revolver range. Deceased was lying on his back. There was a wound at the back of the right ear. There was a revolver a few inches from his right hand, on the ground. It was loaded in four chambers, two chambers having been discharged. A few inches from the revolver was a box on the ground. Witness returned and told Private Wilding, on police duty, and he reported the matter to the Police. Witness remained with the body, which had been dead apparently for some time. He recognised the body as Mr Wylie, Superintendent of the Tramway Company.

Inspector Gillies said he received a report from Private Wilding, at 8.47 a.m., that a body of a European was lying on the revolver range. He informed Sergeant Scott, who informed Inspector Hanson, and made the necessary arrangements for the removal of the body.

Inspector Hanson said in consequence of a report made by Sergeant Scott, he went to the revolver range and found Private Sutton there. He saw the body of Mr Wylie lying with the feet towards the hill. The body was clothed in ordinary European clothes. The vest was unbuttoned. He described the position of the revolver pouch, and pocket of catridges. There were 16 cartridges scattered upon the ground and 29 in the packet, and 4 in the revolver chambers. Before moving the body he searched the clothes, and found a watch and visiting card in watch pocket of the vest. A white cotton envelope we in the outside pocket, and in the inner breast pocket of the coat was a service envelope addressed to Mrs Wylie. He kept the letter until this morning, when he asked his Worship's authority to give it to Mr Sinclair. He had not made himself acquainted with the contents. He also found one ten-cent piece and two five-cent pieces on the grass near the body, and a pen-knife in one of the trouser pockets, and also a piece of paper on which some figures were written, apparently the result of a score on the rifle range. Marks of heavy dew were noticeable on the serge, as if the body had lain there all night, and the revolver was strongly rusted on the side that had been in contact with the earth. He had the body removed to the mortuary. On the afternoon of Saturday Mr Hart Buck came to the Central Police Station and made a communication to the Police.

Dr Thomson said at noon on 28th inst., he made examination of deceased. There was a bullet wound about an inch behind the right ear. The bullet has passed right through the head. The wound of exit was about four inches behind and slightly above the left ear. He was of opinion death was due to a shot. The body, in this fresh, clear weather might have been dead any time within twelve hours. Death must have been perfectly instantaneous.

Private Robert Farrar, W.Y.R., said he saw deceased passing his post, at the back of Murray Barracks, about 3 p.m., on 27th inst., with a revolver case and a small square parcel. He did not speak to him, nor did he speak to witness. He was dressed in a blue serge suit. Witness did not hear a shot fired.

Lance-Corporal John George Brown, W.Y.R., said he heard two shots fired about twenty-five minutes past three o'clock, from the direction of the racquet court. Witness was in Murray Barracks parade ground at the time, parading defaulters, and had his watch in his hand at the time.

Gunner Walter Parsons, R.A., said Mr Wylie came into Volunteer Headquarters about 12.30 on Saturday, and asked for a revolver and ammunition, as he wanted to go on the range for practice. Witness supplied him with the revolver and case and 50 cartridges. While witness was getting the revolver and ammunition, deceased sat down at a table and wrote a letter. He put the letter in his pocket when he came back with the revolver. Deceased appeared to be in good spirits and was quite sober. Deceased was dressed in blue serge and wore a felt hat.

Mr Hart Buck said Messrs J. D. Humphreys and Co. were General Managers of the Hongkong High-Level Tramway Company. Deceased was Superintendent of the Tramway, and had been in the service of the General Managers for about ten years. Witness had occasion to see deceased in the office of the General Managers on Saturday forenoon. During the last week they required certain particulars in connection with his accounts. Deceased was asked to call on Friday and give an explanation about money due for tickets. Deceased kept a stock of tickets, which he got from the General Managers to give out to the Chinese conductors. He kept a check on them. He was supposed to give in returns daily of the takings of the Tramway. A little more than a week ago, he wanted a packet of 2000 first-class return tickets. All these tickets were numbered. Witness found that according to the General Managers' books he had at least a thousand of the tickets in stock. Deceased was asked at that time to explain why he wanted more. He said he had all these tickets in his office, but the packets were broken and the numbers were not running. Witness said he would send someone up to bring the tickets down and have them repacked, and on reaching the office he sent up a clerk with a note to Mr Wylie asking him to deliver the tickets to the clerk. The clerk came back with some loose tickets of another kind. Witness then wrote describing the tickets he wanted, and sent the clerk back again. He came back without the tickets and told him Mr Wylie would see him. For two or three days back, Mr Wylie did not come to his office. Witness wrote and asked Mr Wylie to call on Friday at 10.30. Mr Wylie came, and said he had the tickets in his office; they had been used and punched. Witness asked for the money. He could not give a proper explanation. He said, among other things, that he knew he had done a very stupid thing. He had taken other new tickets, torn them in half and punched them to make them look like new tickets. Witness told him no one would believe an explanation of that sort, and said he would go into the matter, he would consult with the Consulting Committee, and if he would call at half-past ten o'clock he would be told the result. The same day, Mr Buck sent for all the tickets at his office. He should say the missing money represented at least $1,500. He went into the matter again, and Mr C. Ewens was called in as one of the Consulting Committee, and came to the conclusion it would be necessary to suspend Mr Wylie. When he called about a quarter-past eleven next day, Mr Wylie was told the decision. He was told that somebody would be sent up to take charge. Mr Wylie said the Company might overlook this once. Witness told him he was being let off lightly, and he should be thankful they did not go further. He offered to pay the money back, if he was allowed to retain his position. Witness told him that that could not be done. That was the sum total of the conversation. Mr Wylie then got up and said—'Mr Buck, will you shake hands with me for the last time.' Witness did so, and deceased then went out. Witness took a man up with the 2.30 p.m. tram, and introduced him to the engineer as the man who was to take charge. He inquired at the top terminus if Mr Wylie had turned up, and the man in charge replied, 'No.' He came down with the quarter to four o'clock tram, and inquired again, and was told Mr Wylie had not turned up. Witness began to grow anxious, and went to the Central Police Station, saw Inspectors Duncan and Hanson, stating that Mr Wylie was in some trouble, and told them to make inquiries about him. It did not occur to witness that Mr Wylie would commit suicide. Mr Wylie was rather excited, and was remorseful. He said he had always been fairly treated by the firm, but that he had been in financial difficulties for some time. His salary was $250 a month. He had a free house and free coal.

Angus Sinclair, Marine Superintendent, of Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., said he had known deceased for fifteen years and was a friend of his and his family. Deceased was 39 years at his last birthday in March. He was a native of Scotland, brought up in London. He left a wife and three boys, aged respectively 8, 6 and 4 years. Witness had a letter handed to him by Inspector Hanson for Mrs Wylie. She had since returned it to witness. She said she did not see any reason why its contents should not be published, but thought it should be left in the Magistrate's hands. Acting as a friend of the family, he had an objection to the letter being published, but had no objections to the Magistrate reading it. The last time he saw deceased was on Friday morning at the Tram Station. He had never confided his difficulties to witness. Deceased was a man of sound mind.

The Magistrate read through the letter, and said if it was the desire of Mr Sinclair that the letter should not be published he would not read it, and as Mr Sinclair said there were some private parts he would not like published, the letter was handed to the reporters to read and use their discretion as to what should be published.

The letter is written in the most affectionate terms to Mrs Wylie, stating the circumstances connected with his interview with Mr Hart Buck, but denying that he had taken the Company's money. He implored his wife not to let their boys think that their father was a thief; he had not been one. He had had a great deal of business trouble and was very careless with the tickets, but he had never robbed the Company. There is also a pathetic farewell to the Volunteers, in which he wrote, 'I have not died on the battlefield, but I have done what I could for my country.'

The Magistrate said—I find that death resulted from a bullet wound, self-inflicted, consequent upon mental distress in connection with money difficulties into which deceased had fallen with the Hongkong High Level Tramway Company, of which he had been Superintendent since 1892, and in making that finding I can only say how much one deplores what has taken place. Deceased was in a manner part of ourselves. He was intimately connected with the Tramway, which has become a necessary and essential part of our existence here, and I have always heard that he was extremely obliging and gave great satisfaction in the general discharge of his duties. Of course now that the deceased is no more, it is useless to comment on what he has done. One could have wished that he could have taken a more sensible view of the situation, and what I might call a more courageous and manly part, and might have considered his wife and family whom he has plunged into such distress, and with whom I am sure everyone will sympathise in their trouble. I think it right also to add that the evidence which Mr Hart Buck has given has been of a most straightforward kind, and that considering the suspicions entertained he could have taken no other action than he did, to suspend him from duty. Deceased seems to have been perfectly fairly treated in the circumstances.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

A MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Sixteen members of the A Machine Gun Company took part in the November Carbine Competition. Owing to a very tricky wind, the shooting was not as good as usual. Capt. Sanders won the No. 1 Cup and Gunner Danby the No. 2 Cup. The following were the best scores:—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Handicap.	Total.
Capt. Sanders*	26	23	25	24	98
Sergt. Lammert*	29	28	29	Sc.	86
Sergt. Shepherd*	28	27	25	6	86
Gr. Danby*	17	19	17	30	83
Gr. I. G. Smith	17	19	16	30	82
Lieut. Maitland	26	26	23	5	80

*Winners of Spoons.

OPEN-AIR CHARITY FETE.

On Saturday, an open-air fête was held in the grounds of Government House to raise funds to assist in winter relief for the London poor. The arrangements were made by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, assisted by a large staff of willing workers, and there was a large assortment of attractions provided for the delectation of the large number of people who crowded the grounds both in the afternoon and evening. The stalls were laden with a large selection of choice articles, the refreshment stall being well patronised. Besides the large variety of attractions in the Flower Stall, Japanese Stall and Fancy Stall, there were numerous exceedingly funny exhibits in the Fine Art Gallery, while the croquet pool, cocoa nuts and Aunt Sally were a source of great amusement. The stall-holders were as follows:—

Refreshment Stall.—Mrs Wise, Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Ritchie.

Flower Stall.—Mrs Layton, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Johnstone, Miss Carrington.

Japanese Stall.—Mrs Peate, Mrs Trevelyan, Mrs David, Miss Danby.

Fancy Stall.—Mrs Gray, Mrs Tomes, Mrs Siebs, Mrs Drury.

Fine Art Gallery.—Mrs Shepherd, Miss Shepherd.

Croquet Pool.—Mrs Saunders.

Cocoanuts.—Mrs Long and Mrs Wellman.

Aunt Sally.—Mrs Osborne and Miss L. Danby.

Two concerts, given in the afternoon, afforded much enjoyment. During the interval between the concerts a May-pole dance, organised by Mrs Holland, was given. The programmes of the concerts were as under:—

Song ..... 'Penso' ..... Miss Loureiro.
Skirt Dance ..... Miss Holland.
Sparring exhibition.
J. Hucker and H. Holbrow (H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*).
Violin and piano 'Shepherd's Dance,' from Henry VIII.
M. Giraud and Miss Holland.
Comic Song 'The Lamplighter' { Mr C. T. Robinson
Exhibition of sparring.
Song ..... 'Allora Oggi' ... Miss Loureiro.
Dance ..... 'Irish Jig' ... Misses Holland.
Violin solo and piano ... { 'Reverie' / 'Spanish Dance'
M. Giraud and Mrs May.
Humorous stories ..... Mr C. T. Robinson
Professor Stokini gave a very clever conjuring performance, which was largely patronised.

In the evening the grounds were prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns, the illuminations being carried out under direction of Mr Barton. The programme for the evening's concert was as follows:—

Song with violin accompaniment, 'Serenade'
Mrs May and M. Giraud.
Skirt Dance and the Cachucha, Miss Seth.
Violin Solo... { 'Serenade' / 'Spanish Dance'
M. Giraud & Mrs May.
Song ... 'La Vie est Belle' ... Miss Loureiro.

THE SEIZURE OF KIAOCHAU.

Shanghai, Nov. 20.

It is freely reported amongst the Chinese to-day that Lu Hai-huan, the new Chinese Minister to Germany, who is staying here for a few days prior to proceeding to Europe, has received secret instructions from the Tsungli Yamen to postpone his departure for Berlin until he receives further orders from Peking.

The seizure of Kyao-chao by the Germans is creating a tremendous flutter in the dovecotes at the capital. Telegraphic communication with Kyao-chao is reported to be cut off and the telegraph office at Kyao-chao 'castle' has been taken possession of by the Germans.

According to some Nanking correspondence in the native papers, the Viceroy Liu Kung-yi, has received secret instructions by telegraph from Peking to take immediate measures for the defence of all the forts within his sphere of jurisdiction, in accordance with which he has sent a General Liu to take over command of the Woosung forts, and has sent strong re-inforcements to the garrison there. On the 19th and 20th inst., the Tsungli Yamen and the Peiyang Trade Superintendent wired the Viceroy word that serious complications between Germany and China had arisen in Shantung, and that further attacks by German or other foreign forces might be anticipated. He was therefore to make every preparation along the Namyang coasts to meet hostilities should any ensue. On the 18th inst. the Viceroy received a telegram from Li Ping-heng, ex-Governor of Shantung, asking that an able officer might be sent up north to assist him in the grave crisis which had arisen. Liu had determined that Liu Kung-tsai, the best General he had, should go; but in view of subsequent telegrams from the Tsungli Yamen and the Trade Superintendent, he decided that General Liu could not be spared, and up to the present no other officer of sufficient experience and skill has been selected.—*Gazette.*

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

BABY BOY FOR THE CLEVELAND HOUSEHOLD.

New York, October 28.—A son and heir was born to former President Cleveland in Princeton, N. J., at noon to-day. When the family physician made the announcement and added that the baby weighed twelve pounds, Cleveland flushed with pleasure and said: 'It needed only the birth of a boy to complete my happiness.'

New York, October 29.—Ex-President Cleveland, in his Princeton home to-night, received the following message from Queen Victoria:—

'*Windsor Castle*.—To Hon. Grover Cleveland, ex-President of the United States, Trenton, N. J.:—Felicitations on this day, the day of your happiness, and may your heir bring you joy.'

'VICTORIA.'

GERMAN ARTISANS LEAD THE BRITISH.

London, Oct. 23.—The special commission sent to Germany by the corporation of Manchester in order to discover the cause of England's industrial decadence found extraordinary developments of technical education abroad. Alderman Crossfield, a member of the committee, said: 'The English workers are half savages when compared with the intelligent artisans of Germany.'

Councillor Pythian, a member of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, remarked: 'The engines and dynamos made in Germany put to shame most of the work in the English works.'

These are but types of the impressions coloring the whole report of the Manchester commitee, the tenor of which is amply confirmed by the multiplying signs of the illusory character of the British pretensions to industrial supremacy.

MILAN CAUSING TROUBLE.

London, October 28.—The Vienna correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says: According to a sensational story from Belgrade, ex-King Milan of Servia recently visited the Metropolitan of Belgrade and demanded an absolute divorce from ex-Queen Natalie.

It is said that he declared that the interests of the dynasty require him to marry again, as King Alexander is ill and must go abroad. There are rumors also that Milan will be decreed regent of Servia.

THE CZAR APOLOGIZED.

Berlin, October 28.—The *Frankfort Zeitung* says that the trouble that arose a few days ago over the refusal of the Czar and Czarina to receive the Grand Duke and Duchess of Baden at Darmstadt after the latter had intimated to their Russian majesties a desire to visit them, has been satisfactorily arranged by an interchange of letters of explanation. The paper implies that Emperor Nicholas offered an apology for the curt brevity of his telegram.

AMBASSADOR HAY REASSURES THE BRITISH.

London, October 27.—Ambassador Hay, W. S. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, and Gilbert Parker were guests at a banquet of prominent literary and newspaper people given last night at the Whitefriars' Club. Poultney Bigelow presided. After dinner the chairman, Mr Fielding, Mr Parker and others made speeches full of friendly allusions to the United States and to the American Ambassador, whom, in the words of the chairman, they were 'glad to welcome, not only as an Embassador, but as a brother journalist.'

Colonel Hay, responding to a toast to his health, in a very happy speech said: 'Of course, we cannot discuss politics here. But, without violating any confidence, I may say that I bear no message from my Government but one which would be acceptable to every English gentleman, and there is no reason, so far as I can see, why the friendly relations between Great Britain and the United States should ever be disturbed.'

UNTERHAUS' PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

Vienna, October 27.—In the Lower House of the Reichsrath to-day Vice-President Abrahamovics read a letter from Dr Kathrein, President of the House, notifying the Unterhaus of his resignation of its Presidency. The resignation was undoubtedly due to the recent disorderly scenes in the Reichsrath.

DUNRAVEN'S DAUGHTER WEDS.

Dublin, October 28.—Lady Rachael Charlotte Wyndham Quin, eldest daughter of the Earl of Dunraven, was married this afternoon at Adare Church, Adare, county of Limerick, to Fitzgerald, the Knight of Glyn.

MENELEK DECORATED BY ENGLAND.

London, October 27.—The *Official Gazette* announces that King Menelek of Abyssinia has been appointed a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. T. W. Taylor, Chief Justice of Manitoba, has been knighted.

DAUGHTER TO LADY DERBYHURST.

London, October 27.—Viscountess Deerhurst (*née* Bonynge, daughter of Charles W. Bonynge of California, and now of Prince's Gate, London), was delivered of a daughter at Cheltenham on Sunday.

NEW COMMANDER FOR FRENCH ARMY.

Paris, Oct. 27.—It is said that General Tamat will succeed General Saussier as commander-in-chief of the French army.

THERE were 186 European and 2,317 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum during the week ending 28th Nov.

THE *Lyeemoon*, which arrived at Shanghai from Hongkong on the 23rd Nov., reports that while at anchor outside the Tungsha light-vessel a small native boat, in which were seven men, was seen drifting out to sea. The anchor was hove up and the *Lyeemoon* proceeded to their assistance, and succeeded

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Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 846

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, November 29, 1897. 2326

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The Steamship *Cromarty*, to be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 30th November, 1897.
S.S. *Sikh*, to sail about 17th Dec., 1897.
S.S. *Port Adelaide*, to sail about 25th December, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, November 1, 1897. 2172

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Sungkiang*, Captain DODD, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 30th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, November 25, 1897. 2307

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO CALCUTTA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship *Moravia*, Captain E. MECOZZI, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 1st December, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
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Hongkong, November 26, 1897. 2274

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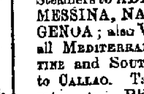

The Steamship *Bormida*, Captain NOERA, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 1st December, at Noon.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 27, 1897. 2321

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship *Lightning*, Captain J. G. SPENCE, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd December, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, November 27, 1897. 2330

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Hongkong, November 19, 1897. 2275

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

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The Co.'s Steamship *Antenor*, Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 1st December.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, November 22, 1897. 2249

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 *A.I.* American Ship *New York*, PEABODY, Master, shortly expected here, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, October 25, 1897. 2119

FOR BALTIMORE.

The American Barque *St. Katherine*, McINTOSH, Master, shortly expected here from SHANGHAI, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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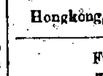
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, November 4, 1897. 2194

FOR NEW YORK.



The 3/3 *A.I.I.* American Ship *Abner Coburn*, Captain M. L. PARK, is loading here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

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Hongkong, September 21, 1897. 1889

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... TUESDAY, December 7, at noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu) TUESDAY, Dec. 28, at noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu). SATURDAY, Jan. 15, 1898, at noon.

THE Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 7th December, at Noon.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 18, 1897. 2271

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ..... THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1898, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *PERU*, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 16th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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Hongkong, November 27, 1897. 2322

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THE Steamship *GANGES*, Captain T. F. CREERY, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 2nd December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

This Steamer connects at Bombay with the Steamship *CALEDONIA*, leaving that Port on the 25th December, for LONDON direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, November 19, 1897. 2273

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NOTICE.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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Bayern	Tuesday ...	December 7.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday ...	January 4.
Preussen	Tuesday ...	February 1.
Sachsen	Tuesday ...	March 1.

ON TUESDAY, the 7th day of December, 1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *BAYERN*, Captain E. PREHN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

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Hongkong, November 10, 1897. 2222

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G. DE CHAMPREAUX,
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Hongkong, November 24, 1897. 2308

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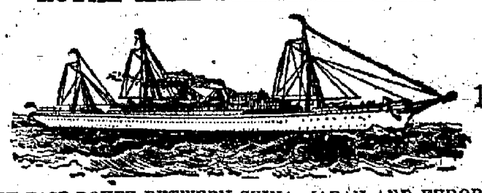
1897.  1897.

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Tacoma	2549	A. Dixon	Feb. 1

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HIROSHIMA MARU, N. OHNO,	BOMBAY, *Via* SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 30th Instant, at Noon.
* *KINSHIU MARU*, F. L. SOMMER,	SEATTLE, Wash., U.S.A., *Via* KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 2nd Dec., at Noon.
YAMASHIRO MARU, J. JONES,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 20th Dec., at 4 p.m.
YAMAGUCHI MARU, S. KAWAMURO,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 23rd Dec., at 4 p.m.
HIOGO MARU, H. WALTER,	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, SHIMONSEKI and KOBE.	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at 4 p.m.
TOKIO MARU, E. W. HASWELL,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, *Via* THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at 4 p.m.
SANUKI MARU, W. BAINBRIDGE,	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, *Via* STRAITS (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 24th December, at 4 p.m.

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Hongkong, November 27, 1897. 2324

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(With single driver).

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, November 27, 1897.

At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

	Price. Highest. Cash.	Price. Lowest. Cash.	Chinese Names.
Butcher Meat.			肉食
Bacon, English, lb.	—	—	泰路燻猪肉
,, Ame. Sugar cured ,,	380	—	花旗燻猪肉
,, Foochow, ,,	260	—	福州燻猪肉
,, Japan, cured ,,	—	—	日本燻猪肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut. catty	160	—	尾龍扒
,, Corned, catty	100	—	鹹牛肉
,, Roast, ,,	150	—	燒牛肉
,, Soup, ,,	130	—	湯肉
,, Steak, ,,	120	—	牛肉起
Bullock's Brains, per set	60	50	牛腦
,, Tongue fresh, each	250	—	牛舌
,, ,, corned ,,	310	—	鹹牛利
,, Head, ,,	500	—	牛頭
,, Heart, ,,	150	—	牛心
,, Hump, salt catty	140	—	牛肩
,, Feet, each	60	50	牛蹄
,, Kidneys, ,,	50	—	牛腰
,, Tail, ,,	100	—	牛尾
,, Liver, catty	70	—	牛肝
,, Tripe (undressed) catty	60	50	牛肚
Calves Head and Foot, set	500	—	牛仔頭脚
Hams, American, lb.	360	—	花旗火腿
,, Chinese, ,,	240	—	金華火腿
,, English, New, ,,	460	—	泰路火腿
,, Japan cured, ,,	—	—	日本火腿
,, Shanghai, ,,	240	—	上海火腿
Mutton Chop, ,,	190	—	羊牌骨
,, Leg, ,,	190	—	羊脚
,, Shoulder, ,,	150	—	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings catty	70	60	猪腸
,, Feet, ,,	110	—	猪脚
,, Fry, ,,	160	—	猪雜
,, Head, each	500	450	猪頭
,, Heart, ,,	50	40	猪心
,, Kidneys, pair	70	—	猪腰
,, Liver, lb.	160	—	猪肝
Pork, Chop, catty	200	—	猪牌骨
,, Corned, ,,	330	—	鹹猪肉
,, Leg, ,,	210	—	猪脚
,, Fat or Lard, ,,	180	—	猪油
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	350	—	羊頭脚
,, Heart, each	50	40	羊心
,, Kidneys, ,,	70	—	羊腰
,, Liver, lb.	150	140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs, each	$1.75	$1.26	乳仔
Suet, Beef, lb.	110	—	牛羊油
,, Mutton, ,,	120	—	生羊油
Veal, catty	150	—	牛仔肉
Poultry.			生口
Chicken, catty	220	—	鷄仔
Capons, ,,	230	—	閹鷄
Ducks, ,,	170	—	鴨
Doves, each	—	—	鴿
Eggs, Hen' ,, doz.	120	—	鷄蛋
,, Duck ,,	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls, catty	200	—	鷄
Geese, ,,	190	—	鵝
Hares, each	700	—	兎仔
Musk Deer, ,,	—	—	麝香
Partridges, ,,	420	—	鷓鴣
Pigeons, ,,	190	—	白鴿
Pheasant, brace	$1.40	—	上海山鷄
Rice Birds, doz.	—	—	禾花雀
Quail, each	140	—	鶉
Snipe, ,,	150	—	沙鷄
Turkeys, Cock, catty	450	—	火鷄公
,, Hen, ,,	320	—	火鷄母
Teal, each	390	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks, pair	$1.20	—	上海水鴨
Fish.			海鮮
Barbel, catty	180	—	鯉魚
Bream, ,,	80	—	鯛魚
Bombay Ducks, piecee	300	—	孟買魚
C'ton Fresh Water Fish, catty	—	—	廣東魚
Carp, ,,	100	—	鯉魚
Catfish, ,,	—	—	鯰魚
Cockle, salt, ,,	80	—	鹽蜆
Crabs, ,,	160	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish, ,,	100	—	墨魚
Dab, ,,	100	—	黃魚
Dace, ,,	90	—	鰷魚
Dog Fish, ,,	—	—	鯊魚
Eels, Congre, ,,	—	—	海鰻
,, Fresh water, ,,	200	—	淡水鰻
Eels, Yellow, ,,	180	—	黃鰻
File Fish, ,,	—	—	剝皮魚
Frogs, ,,	250	—	田鷄
Fresh Fish, ,,	110	—	鮮魚
Garoupa, ,,	260	—	石斑
Gudgeon, ,,	90	—	白鱗魚
Gurnard, ,,	80	—	紅魚
Herrings, ,,	12	—	鯖魚
,, smoked box	—	—	熏鯖魚
Halibut, catty	120	—	鮃魚
Labrus, ,,	80	—	黃花魚
Loach, ,,	140	—	鰍魚
Lobsters, ,,	180	—	龍蝦
Mackerel, ,,	—	—	鯖魚
Monk Fish, ,,	180	—	老魚
Mullet, ,,	180	—	鯔魚
Oysters, ,,	180	—	生蠔
Perches, ,,	140	—	鱸魚
Perch, ,,	140	—	鯉魚
Pike, catty	—	—	花鯉
Plaice, ,,	—	—	鯉魚
Pomfret, White ,,	200	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black ,,	140	—	黑鯧
Prawns, ,,	240	—	明蝦
Ray, ,,	60	—	琵琶沙
Rock Fish, ,,	90	80	石狗公
Roach, ,,	—	—	鯉魚
Salmon, (Canton), ,,	250	—	馬友魚
Shark, ,,	60	—	鯊魚
Silt Fish, ,,	100	—	鰣魚
Smelts, ,,	50	—	鮆魚
Shrimps, ,,	170	—	蝦
Snapper, ,,	150	—	立魚
Soles, ,,	160	—	龍沙魚
Tench, ,,	—	—	鯽魚
Turbot, ,,	120	—	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water, ,,	350	—	龜魚
Whiting, catty	70	—	長魚
White Bait, ,,	90	—	銀魚仔
Fruits.			菓子
Apples, (California), catty	200	180	金山平菓
,, (Tientsin), ,,	—	—	天津平菓
,, (Japan), ,,	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant, ,,	30	—	省城香蕉
,, (brides), ,,	40	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese, ,,	80	—	栗菓
Carambola, ,,	—	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts, each	70	—	椰子
Ground Nuts, catty	90	—	花生
Grapes, ,,	200	—	鮮提子
Lemons, China, ,,	60	—	檸檬
,, Peel, ,,	—	—	檸餅
Lichees, Dried, ,,	400	—	荔枝肉
,, Fresh, ,,	—	—	荔枝
Limes, ,,	—	—	檸檬
Mango, (Saigon), each	—	—	安南芒菓
,, (Manila), ,,	—	—	呂宋芒
Mangosteen, dozen	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Sweet, catty	60	—	新會甜橙
,, Green, ,,	30	—	青橙
,, Red, ,,	30	—	紅橙
Olives, ,,	100	—	白欖
Persimmons, ,,	50	—	柿
Pine-apples, each	—	—	萬地波羅
Pears, catty	—	—	沙梨
,, (Tientsin), ,,	100	—	天津雪梨
Plum, Red, ,,	—	—	紅李
Pumelo, each	70	—	碌柚
,, (Siam), catty	80	—	暹羅柚
Raisins, Muscatel, ,,	—	—	珠提葡萄
,, Pudding, ,,	—	—	珠提
Water Chestnuts, com. ,,	40	—	馬蹄
,, Mandarin, ,,	50	—	桂林馬蹄
Walnuts, ,,	120	—	合桃
Vegetables, &c.			菜蔬
Artichokes, Shanghai, catty	50	—	上海丫治竹
Beans, (French), ,,	170	—	佛蘭西豆
,, Long, ,,	100	—	豆角
Beet Root, each	20	—	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green, catty	30	—	青元茄
,, Red, ,,	50	—	紅茄
Brassica, ,,	20	—	白菜
Bamboo Shoots, ,,	90	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com. ,,	30	—	菁菜
Cabbage, each	100	—	椰菜
Cauliflower, ,,	150	120	椰菜花
Carrots, catty	60	—	金筍
Celery, Chinese, ,,	60	—	芹菜
,, English, ,,	60	—	芹菜
Chillies Dried, ,,	180	—	辣椒
,, Red, ,,	90	—	紅花椒
Curry Stuff, English, ,,	50	—	加爾材料
Cucumbers, ,,	40	—	黃瓜
Bitter Squash, ,,	—	—	苦瓜
Garlic, ,,	50	—	蒜頭
Ginger, young, ,,	50	—	新子薑
Horse Radish, S'hai, ,,	120	—	辣根
Indian Corn, piece	—	—	粟米
Lettuce, (English), each	10	—	洋生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh, catty	—	—	生菌
Onions, Bombay, ,,	70	—	洋蔥頭
,, Green, ,,	30	—	生葱
,, Shanghai, ,,	—	—	上海蔥頭
,, Japan, ,,	50	—	日本蔥頭
Okroes, ,,	100	—	毛豆
Parsley, English, bundle	10	—	洋芫荽
Potatoes, Sweet, catty	60	—	番薯仔
,, Shanghai, ,,	—	—	上海番仔
,, Japan, ,,	80	—	日本番仔
,, American, ,,	—	—	花旗番仔
,, Foochow, ,,	—	—	福州番仔
,, Macao, ,,	50	—	澳門番仔
Pumpkin, ,,	20	—	冬瓜
Purslane, ,,	5	4	馬齒莧
Papaw, ,,	25	20	木瓜
Radish, dozen	20	—	紅蘿白仔
Rice, best quality, per picul,	$5.50		上白米
,, Common ,, ,,	$4.50		中白米
Shallots, catty	50	—	蔥頭
Spinage, (Chinese) ,,	—	—	菠菜
Spinach, ,,	80	—	菠菜
Snake Gourd, ,,	40	—	蛇瓜
Tomatoes, ,,	60	—	番茄
Taro, ,,	20	15	芋頭
Turnips, Patti, (long), ,,	80	—	蘿白
Vegetable Marrow, ,,	60	—	番瓜
,, ,, (long), ,,	—	—	長番瓜
Water Cresses, ,,	70	—	西洋菜

ALEXANDER WATSON,
Actuary Inspector of Markets.

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Thanks, gentlemen, to all, all have done well,
But you the best of all.

PERICLES, *Act II., Sc. III.*

'All have done well' with the bat and the ball,
'All have done well' with the gun;
Now that it's over, this striving of all,
Welcome home those that have won.
Welcome them proudly—while bearing in mind
That all have done well—e'en the Rest.
We tender our thanks to you, gentlemen all,
But are glad that 'The Straits' proved the best.

Over-Seas Men have a habit—not new—
Of nursing the games of their youth,
When 'The Duke' said that Eton Fields won Waterloo,
He was not very far from the truth;
And the knowledge that Britons still pleasure in sport,
And search for afield in its quest,
Is restful, and, thanking you, gentlemen all,
We are glad that 'The Straits' were the best

And right goodly victories have our teams wrought,
Over right good redoubtable foes;
And those who are beaten can scarcely say aught,
When we give just our one or two crows.
'Tis the manner of Britons all over the world,
Who go into their games with true zest,
We tender our thanks to you, gentlemen all,
And are proud that 'The Straits' were the best.

But still, while we're crowing, the hope is alive,
That we all may meet soon on our Plain,
In fair sporting rivalry, each man to strive
For the Town of his exile again.
No matter who's beaten, no matter who wins,
If you'll come to this Isle to your West,
We'll tender our thanks to you, gentlemen all,
And trust 'The Straits' are *still* the best.

—*Singapore Free Press.*

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Times of Ceylon.)

REMOVAL OF THE MEDICAL STAFF GRIEVANCES.

London, November 11.—The War Office is contemplating a Royal Warrant removing the main grievances of Officers of the Medical Staff, and rendering the Staff thoroughly efficient.

THE TIRAH OPERATIONS.

Bombay, Nov. 10.—Captain Watson, of the Commissariat Department, was shot dead through the head during firing into General Lockhart's Camp.

It is feared that during the retirement following a reconnaisance made by the Kurram Column on the 7th inst. one native officer and 35 rank and file of the Kapurthala Infantry, who were on picquet duty on the heights, lost their way and fell into the hands of the enemy.

The troops on the Arhanga Pass are being provided with huts owing to the extreme cold.

Bombay, Nov. 12.—General Gasedee's Second Brigade proceeded yesterday to Saransan to complete the survey, procure forage, and destroy all villages within reach. These objects were accomplished, and the defences of 40 villages were destroyed.

The casualties sustained were:—Lieutenant Wright, of the West Surrey Regiment, wounded, and one sepoy killed. The enemy lost heavily.

The foraging party which went to the west of the camp was fired on. Lieutenant Cameron, of the Gordon Highlanders, was wounded, and two men of the same regiment were dangerously wounded.

LORD SALISBURY'S GUILDHALL SPEECH.

London, November 10.—Lord Salisbury, in his speech at the Guildhall Banquet, announced that the Queen had requested him to express the intensity of her feelings with which she had heard of the gallant deeds of her Army in India, and above all the affectionate and devoted support to her throne, cause, and empire received from the native princes and people. Lord Salisbury said he was convinced that all would deeply sympathise with the Queen's expressions regarding the gallant achievements of the Sikhs, the Ghurkas, and other Native soldiers, as much as by the British soldiers upon whose stout arm the throne so long had relied. His Lordship next referred to the wonderful campaign in Egypt, and said that the taking of Abu Hamed was a brilliant military feat, and that the occupation of Berber reflected unmeasured honour on the skill, strategy, and foresight of Sirdar Kitchener. Negotiations, which were continuous and animated, but always friendly, were proceeding with France, Germany, Portugal, and Italy regarding Africa. His Lordship said that we desire to be governed in these questions by strict justice, with due regard for the prosperity and the interests of the empire, and had no desire to take territory simply because it looks well as British territory on the map. We wish, he said, to open markets, highways, and waterways, so that trade would be unchecked on the Niger, Nile, and Zambesi, and have every desire to show due consideration to the feelings and claims of our neighbours. Yet he felt obliged to say that there was a limit to the exercise of that consideration, and that we cannot allow our plain rights to be overridden. His Lordship defended the foreign policy of the Government, and their adherence to the Concert of Europe, which had prevented the terrible calamity of a European war. He dwelt on the difficulties surrounding the settlement of the Cretan Question, owing to the many opposing interests; but he hoped for the continuance of the Concert and the gradual growth of friendly co-operation, which alone would prevent a continuous competition in armaments, ending in a terrible effort for mutual destruction.

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THE Marine Court of Inquiry into the circumstances attending the accident to the *Moyune* which struck an uncharted reef in the Sulu Sea on the 2nd Oct., was to be held at Singapore on the 20th inst. The Court was to consist of the Acting Senior Magistrate, Mr O'Sullivan, President; Capt. Crauford, R.N., Master Attendant, Capt. Darke, and one other, probably Capt. Madge, of the Telegraph steamer *Sherard Osborne*.

A MAN sent this answer to a bookseller who sent in his account for a book some time before delivered: 'I never ordered the book. If I did, you did not send it. If I got it, I paid for it. If I didn't, I won't.'

'SAY,' said Weary, as he looked up from the clover in the fence corner, 'how do they fix at the gold up there in Alaska?' 'By wishin',' replied Weary's pard. 'Doesn't you wish, said Weary.'

MISS ESTRELA BELINFANTE.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN NEW YORK.

New York, October 24.—In a little room in the Metropolitan Hotel, with the roar and rattle of Broadway ringing in her ears, lies a woman who deliberately set out to commit suicide by starving herself to death. The last money she had in the world, $2, she spent, she said, in order that the end might come amid respectable surroundings. She had pawned her clothing that her baby might live, and she had a horror of dying in the street.

She is not an ordinary unfortunate; she is an artist. As Estrela Belinfante, contralto, she has sung leading roles in some of the grand opera companies of Europe. She is young, beautiful and accomplished, but she became blind, and her artistic career was merely a dream of the past. She had gone without food for four days, and during all that time there was a European draft for $75 awaiting her at a banking-house.

The woman entered the Metropolitan Hotel on Wednesday, and, having no luggage, she was requested to pay $1 in advance. For two days her sustenance had consisted of a bun and a cup of tea. Saturday a chambermaid reported at the office that the lady was very ill and seemed to be out of her mind. The proprietor's wife went to her room. A doctor was summoned. He pronounced it the worst case of acute starvation he had ever seen. A bowl of hot consommé was brought and placed to the woman's lips, but she waved it away. 'Oh, I am so hungry,' she moaned, 'but I cannot take it. I have no money to pay for it.' A little of the soup was forced down the woman's throat, and she soon began to revive.

The singer spent her girlhood in Naples under the care of an aunt, Mrs Farquhar, who was at one time very wealthy. She studied singing under the best instructors of Europe and finally made her debut in grand opera.

Her career was cut short by an attack of illness which left her totally blind. She became depressed, and, thinking travel would divert her mind, her aunt took her to Japan. There she met young Willis Edminster of Chicago. He fell in love with the handsome blind girl and later they were married in San Francisco.

Edminster embarked in unfortunate theatrical speculations in the United States. His wife had a dowry of $15,000 and this was lost in a melodrama called 'Straight From the Heart,' in which young Edminster obtained a proprietary interest.

In the meantime Mrs Edminster had moved from handsome apartments at the Barrington to humbler quarters. No remittance came from her husband and the pawnbroker was the next resort. All her jewelry went. Last Wednesday she sold her last article of value—a sealskin coat—for $16. Of this she gave $14 to a woman to take care of her baby till her husband should arrive from the West. With the remaining $2 she rented a room in a hotel that she might die in peaceful solitude. Friends have taken her in charge.

SAN FRANCISCO KNOWS HER.

Miss Belinfante is well known to San Franciscans. The blind prima donna arrived in this city from Japan on March 30, 1896, and during her stay of about two months here she attracted wide attention, not only among people of musical inclinations, who were delighted with her charming voice, but also among the public generally, who had a deep sympathy for the singer whose career, already even brilliant, had been so suddenly ended by blindness.

Miss Belinfante arrived here on a concert tour of the world. At Yokohama her chaperon had suddenly fallen ill and was compelled to return to Italy, but Miss Belinfante determined to continue her tour alone. On the *Coptic* for the first time she met Willis Edminster, and the latter became her impresario and managed her concert season in San Francisco. Their friendship ripened into a deeper attachment, and on May 9 came the announcement of their marriage. Her second series of concerts planned for San Francisco was abandoned, and she accompanied her husband East the next day.

Miss Belinfante is about 28 years old. In speaking she has a soft, musical voice. In singing that voice has a remarkable range. It can reach high C. and go to low D.

This is Miss Belinfante's second attempt at suicide. In her despair when suddenly deprived of her sight she threw herself from the third-story window of the Villa Trollope in Florence. She was confined to her bed for a year, but finally recovered from her broken bones.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

November 28th.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock	29.83	29	—	N	2	b	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	29.87	—	—	NW	6	—	—
Nagasaki	30.03	—	—	NW	6	—	—
Kagoshima	29.99	—	—	N	6	—	—
Guiziaff	30.3	45	54	N	5	c	—
Sharp Pk	30.18	59	54	N	6	b	—
Amoy	30.16	68	42	NE	3	b	—
Swatow	—	—	—	ENE	2	b	—
Canton	30.13	67	55	N	1	b	—
Hongkong	30.08	66	24	NE	1	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ENE	1	—	—
Gap Rock	30.07	—	—	NE	4	—	—
Macao	30.10	68	—	N	1	b	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonnao	29.81	83	83	N	3	b	—
Manila	29.72	90	60	WSW	1	c	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

November 29th.—AT 10 A.M.

Wl'ostock	29.87	24	75	NW	1	c	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guiziaff	30.4	41	83	NNW	6	cy	—
Sharp Pk	30.32	56	51	NNW	4	b	—
Amoy	30.20	56	63	NNE	4	b	—
Swatow	—	—	—	ENE	2	b	—
Canton	30.28	57	58	NE	1	b	—
Hongkong	30.20	64	80	NE	2	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ENE	3	—	—
Gap Rock	30.19	—	—	NNE	4	—	—
Macao	30.25	64	—	NNW	1	b	—
Haiphong	30.17	63	86	—	0	c	—
Bonnao	29.68	82	75	NE	3	c	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	N	3	f	—

F. G. Finso, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, Nov. 29th, 1897.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Humidity, the percentage of saturation, the humidity of the atmosphere, with saturation being 100.
4. Direction of Wind, as from points.
5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
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30th Nov. to 5th December.

	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water. Height.
Tues.	h m 10 [illegible]	ft. in. [illegible]	h m [illegible]	ft. in. [illegible]
Wed.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thurs.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fri.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sat.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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LIST OF EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS.

No.
A
129.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills Office.
130.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills.
40.—Anderson, Capt., East Point.
24.—Anderson, Capt., Praya Central.
8.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
B
187.—Bailey's Engineering Agency.
158.—Beck, J. M., Residence.
143.—Bell Asbestos Co.
172.—Benjamin S. S., Residence.
148.—Benjamin, Kelly & Potts.
70.—Beurmann C., Residence.
66.—Blackhead & Co.
139.—Blackhead & Co., Soap Factory, Sau-ki-wan.
65.—Blackhead, F., Residence.
13.—Boening, G. D. Residence.
96.—Bradley & Co.
154.—Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.
194.—E. J. Bullier, Residence.
122.—Burnie, & Goddard Capts.
39.—Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.
36A.— Do. do. Quarry Bay.
18.— Do. do. Shipping Office.
36.— Do. do. Sugar Office.
C
75.—Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.
42.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
126.—Canton Insurance Co.
133.—Carlowitz & Co.
111.—Carmichael & Co.
134.—Carmichael H. F., Residence.
152.—Chai On Insurance Co.
128.—Chan Choy, Residence.
22.—'China Mail' Office.
180.—China Merchants Office.
180A.— do. Godown.
72.—China Sugar Refinery, East Point.
71.— Do. do. Town Office.
160.—Chow Tung Shang, Residence.
183.—Cobbold, Rev. R. F., Residence.
168.—Colonial Secretary's Office.
83.—Commodore's Residence, Peak.
163.—Com. Union Assurance Co.
87.—Compradore, D. Lapraik & Co., Office.
88.— Do. do., Residence.
78.—Cousins, J. B., Office.
CLUBS.
149.—Club Germania.
11.—Club Hongkong.
116.—Do. Lusitano.
198.—Club New.
10.— Do. Peak.
D
12.—'Daily Press' Office.
85.—Dairy Farm Office,
67.—Dairy Farm, Pok-foo-lum.
121.—Danby, W.
73.—David, A. J., Residence.
60.—David & Co.
25.—Dock, Aberdeen.
20.—Dock Co.
DOCTORS.
80.—Dr. Atkinson, Residence.
105.—Dr. Clark, Residence.
2.—Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie.
23.—Dr. Jordan, Office.
43.— Do. Residence.
159.—Dr. Paulun Office.
127.—Dr. Paulun, Residence.
182.—Dr. Rennie, Residence.
55.—Dr. Stedman, Residence.
41.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
7.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

Intimations.

E
58.—Electric Co.
58A.—Electric Co., Residence.
F
142.—Fenwick, Geo. & Co.
74.—Fletcher & Co.
200.—Fowler, D. J. B., Residence.
G
48.—Gas Co., East Point.
47.— Do. West Point.
150.—Gaupp & Co.
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
44.—Government House.
193.—Gray, R. M., Residence.
H
156.—Hall, F. W., Residence.
171.—Hancock A., Residence.
50.—Harbour Master.
99.—Harling, Buschmann & Mansell.
86.—Harling, G., Residence.
95.—Haskell, D., Residence.
92.—Hermann, O., Residence.
113.—Him Kee & Co.
27.—Holliday, Wise & Co.
101.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Office.
102.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Wharf.
126.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.
9.—H. & S. Bank.
84.—H. & S. Bank, Mess.
1.—'Hongkong Telegraph' Office.
HOSPITALS.
26.—Hospital, Alice Memorial.
80.— Do. Government Civil.
115.—Hospital, Nethersole.
3.— Do. Peak.
110.—Hospital, Naval.
175.— Do. Tung Wah.
HOTELS.
32.—Hotel, Hongkong.
56.— Do. New Victoria.
29.— Do. Peak.
170.—Hotel, Windsor.
82.—Ho Tung, Praya West.
77.— Do. Praya Central.
59.— Do. Residence.
37.—Humphreys, J. D., Residence.
68.—Humphreys, J. D., & Son.
J
186.—Jackson, W., Residence.
178.—Joo Tita Shing.
K
108.—Kaw Hong Take
185.—Kelly & Walsh.
185A.— do. Printing Office.
199.—Kelly, E. S., Residence.
64A.—Kennedy, J., Causeway Bay.
64.— Do. do. Horse Repository.
107.—Kin Fat Hong.
141.—Kinghorn and Macdonald.
120.—Kirch & Co.
151.—Kruse & Co.
L
91.—Lemke & Rogge.
117.—Land Investment Co.
97.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
97A.—Lane, Crawford, Store.
188.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.
189.—Lauts, T. J., Residence.
89.—Layton, B., Office.
90.— Do., Residence.
157.—Leigh and Orange.
179.—Lloyd's Register.
M
173.—MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
123.—Mansell, A. H., Residence.
106.—Man Chuen Yuen.
98.—Man On Insurance Co.
118.—Marty, A. R.
112.—Melchers & Co.
131.—Meyer & Co.
114.—Meyer & Co., Godown.
124.—Meyer & Co., North Point.
163.—Michael, J. R., Residence.
157.—Michaelsen, St. C., Residence.
155.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
164.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Branch Office.
147.—Munroe, G.
N
125.—Nam Tai Insurance Co.
5.—Nam Wo & Co.
146.—National Bank.
109.—Naval Yard.
O
119.—Opium Factory.
46.—Opium Farm.
174.—Osborne E., Residence.
P
176.—Palmer and Turner.
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
69.—P. & O. Mess, Peak.
164.—Po On, Insurance Co., Godown.
15.—Police Station, Central.
184.—Potts, W. Hutton., Residence.
162.—Post Master General.
135.—Price, H. & Co.
R
34.—Ray, E. C., Residence.
51.—Ray, E. C.
103.—R. E. Guard Room.
104.—R. E. Mess.
192.—Reis & Co.
140.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
76.—Richardson R. L. Residence.
19A.—Ritchie, H. A.
30—Ritchie, H. A., Residence.
45.—Rope Factory.
169.—Ross A., Residence.
190.—Ruttonjee, H.
S
52.—Sailors' Home.
4.—Sanitarium, Pok-foo-lum.
195.—Sassoon David, Sons & Co.
96.— Do. Residence.
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132.—Schrotter, J. G., Residence.
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181.—Siebs, N. A., Residence.
81.—Siemssen & Co.
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139.—Soap Factory, Shaukiwan.
100.—Sperry Flour Co.
61.—Stevens, G. R., Office.
62.— Do. do. Residence.
153.—Straits Insurance Co.
53.—Sui Kut Bank.
T
191.—Tai Hing & Co., Bowrington.
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197.—Thomas' Grill Rooms.
28.—Tomes, C. A., Residence.
137.—Tong Lee Chan, Office.
138.—Tong Lee Chan, Shaukiwan.
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136.—Vacuum Oil Co.
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1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Airlie	5 c	Ellis	Brit. str.	2409	Nov. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Belgic	5 c	Rinder	Amer. str.	2652	Nov. 28	P. M. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	Dec. 7.
Bormida	5 k	Noresa	Ital. str.	1439	Nov. 27	Carlowitz & Co.		
Chow Fa	2 c	Williamson	Brit. str.	1055	Nov. 28	Butterfield & Swire		
Chusan	8 c	Wendt	Ger. str.	624	Nov. 27	Siemssen & Co.		
Dante	3 c	Kopke	Ger. str.	1302	Nov. 24	Wieler & Co.	Saigon	Nov. 30.
Devawongse	2 c	Curtis	Brit. str.	1057	Nov. 29	Yuen Fat Hong		
Hailan	3 c	Gerard	Fren. str.	377	Nov. 28	A. R. Marty		
Haitan	5 h	Roach	Brit. str.	1183	Nov. 27	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	Nov. 30.
Hikosan Maru	7 c	Hallstorm	Japan. str.	2244	Nov. 26	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Hiroshima Maru	5 c	Ohno	Japan. str.	2031	Nov. 28	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Hongkong	5 h	Bastian	Sch. str.	789	Nov. 29	A. R. Marty		
Kachidate Maru	5 c	Narasaki	Japan. str.	2143	Nov. 25	Mitsui Bussan Kaisaha		
Kalgan	3 c	Phillips	Brit. str.	1158	Nov. 28	Butterfield & Swire		
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Victoria	5 c	Panton	Brit. str.	1992	Nov. 18	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Tacoma, &c.	Nov. 30.
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Agenor	7 c	Shellens	Amer. sh.	1414	Sept. 19	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
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New York	2 k	Peabody	Amer. sh.	1897	Nov. 11	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Peter Rickmers	2 k	Westermeyer	Gr. 4m. bk.	2825	Nov. 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Sachem	7 c	Nickels	Amer. bqe.	1267	Nov. 22	Standard Oil Co.		
Serrano	2 k	Waterhouse	Amr. bqe.	613	Nov. 24	Chinese		
St. Mark	7 c	Dudley	Amer. sh.	1892	Oct. 2	Standard Oil Co.		
Vega	2 k	Pedersen	Dan. bqe.	385	Oct. 24	Siemssen & Co.		
West York			Bri. bqe.	688	Oct. 18	Order	.....	Cos'tan Doc

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Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. F. Domville	Swatow
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comd. C. J. Kingsmill	Hongkong
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Daphne	sloop	1155	8	2000	Commander Galloway	Yokohama
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Shanghai
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	2	360	———	Hongkong
Grafton†	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Singapore
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1610	—	800	Commander Transmore	Shanghai
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Yokohama
Iphigenia	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Hongkong
Linnet	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	2	870	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Hongkong
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Wm. C. C. Forsyth	Nagasaki
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Phoenix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. Cochrane	Foochow
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	310	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Corry	Shanghai
Plover	gunboat 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Singapore
Rainbow	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. V. A. Tisdall	Chemulpo
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	710	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hakodate
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Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	———	Hongkong
Undaunted	cruiser	6500	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Amoy
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Admiral Nakimoff	Russian cruiser	4204	10	6000	Captain Kaznakoff	Nagasaki
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Arcona	German cruiser	1640	8	2950	Captain Becker	Shanghai
Argos	Spanish gunboat	508	2	600	Commander R. Cabezas	Manila
Aspic	French gunboat	476	3	450	Commander Journee	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	7000	13	3500	Commander Joannet	Chemulpo
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Lt.-Comdr. Jose dos Reis	Macao
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Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3260	8	4400	Capt. A. Martin de Oliva	Manila
Cebu	Spanish troopship	532	2	600	Lieut. A. Barrera	Manila
Comète	French gunboat	495	3	600	Lieut. Simon	Hongkong
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Brussatis	Kiaochau
Descartes	French cruiser	3988	11	8500	Capt. Bernard	Nagasaki
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Witthoft	Vladivostock
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	1523	Com. E. Robion	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	4	1500	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
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Elcano	Spanish gunboat	560	3	600	Lieut.-Com. F. Escudero	Manila
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